

accomplishments of Mr. David Grossberg of Ontario, California.

Mr. Grossberg is the outgoing President for the City of Ontario Chamber of Commerce. According to his peers, Mr. Grossberg has demonstrated exceptional personal and civic leadership in his role as President and was actively involved in his community. Mr. Grossberg showed great commitment to the Chamber and was truly dedicated to serving as President.

The Chamber's accomplishments under Mr. Grossberg's tenure as President and Vice President have been numerous and impressive: the Chamber averaged 20 new members a month and ended the year with its largest budget surplus to date. As a result of Mr. Grossberg's leadership, the Inland Valley Chamber Alliance was formed to bring the local chambers closer on regional issues. During his term, the Chamber was successful in partnering with the California Manufacturer's Technology Center, who will co-sponsor the Chamber's Industrial Forum. Creation of the Ontario Chamber Service Club Round Table and Marketing Forum were two more examples of Mr. Grossberg's commitment to providing members with vital networking tools.

During his Presidency, the first Service Club Project was completed. In a joint effort by local service clubs, more than 1,000 rose bushes were planted on Euclid Avenue. Mr. Grossberg was also instrumental in saving the annual Christmas Nativity scenes on Euclid Avenue.

In addition to his duties as President of the Chamber, Mr. Grossberg serves on the Chamber's Board of Directors, Downtown Ontario Business and Professional Association, Director, Inland Empire West Resource Conservation District, member of the Ontario Rotary Club, and was a former member of the Downtown Ontario Revitalization Committee.

Mr. Grossberg's tenure as President of the Ontario Chamber of Commerce brought great leadership in the development of strong economic development programs and public policy. He has achieved an impressive record of career and civic accomplishments and, in doing so, has earned the admiration and respect of those who have the privilege of working with him. I would like to congratulate him on these accomplishments and sincerely thank him for his service to his community. He is truly deserving of the accolades of this Congress.

THE 57TH ANNIVERSARY OF D-DAY

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 6, 2001

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the 57th anniversary of D-Day, and recognize the hundreds of thousands of Americans soldiers who fought in World War II.

On July 6, 1944, thousands of men landed on the beaches of Normandy. Thousands of Allied paratroopers landed behind enemy lines, and even more made their way to the shore in small water crafts. More than 175,000 soldiers landed that morning before dawn. Hitler's seemingly strong wall of force had fallen to the Allied troops in less than one day.

Given the code name "Overload," D-Day was a plan so immense that literally thou-

sands of men were involved with the planning of the campaign. This battle marks the allied nations unity and cooperation to work toward one common goal. 4,900 soldiers were lost on D-Day, yet their memory will live on forever in the hearts and souls of American patriots.

Americans united together through determination, patriotism, honor, and faith. Their duty and love of country led them toward victory. 57 years after that day, we continue to commemorate and pay homage to those who sacrificed so that we all could experience peace and freedom.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in honoring the memories of those Americans who fought to conquer tyranny and hatred in Europe. June 6, 1944 forever altered the course of history and united our great nation for one common goal, freedom.

CONGRATULATING THOMAS E. WHITE ON BECOMING SECRETARY OF THE ARMY

HON. KEVIN BRADY

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 6, 2001

Mr. BRADY of Texas. Mr. Speaker, on behalf of his delighted friends and neighbors in The Woodlands, Texas, and all the constituents of the 8th Congressional District of Texas, I rise today to proudly congratulate Thomas E. White on becoming the 18th Secretary of the Army.

Rebuilding America's national security for the 21st Century is a top priority for President George W. Bush. Seeking vision, executive leadership, and Army experience, our President chose wisely in his nomination for Secretary of the Army—as did the United States Senate in confirming Secretary White.

This Detroit, Michigan native will lead a dedicated work force of more than one million active duty, National Guard, and Army Reserve soldiers who, with the support of 270,000 civilian employees, proudly comprise the U.S. Army today. As the former Chairman and CEO for Enron Operations Corporation headquartered in Houston, Texas, Secretary White now holds the responsibility for all matters relating to Army manpower, personnel, reserve affairs, installations, environmental issues, weapons systems and equipment acquisition, communications, and financial management.

The seriousness and respect with which he approaches this awesome responsibility was reflected during his Senate confirmation hearings when he stated, "Taking care of people is a sacred duty I will bear if confirmed as Secretary."

A proud graduate of the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, the four objectives Secretary White has identified for his tenure are right on target: investing in people, assuring readiness, transforming every aspect of the entire Army—doctrine, training, leadership, infrastructure, and more—in a holistic manner, and adopting sound business practices.

Secretary White is exceptionally well qualified for this job. Commissioned in the U.S. Army in 1967, he rose to the rank of Brigadier General in 1990. His distinguished 23-year career as an Army officer included two tours of service in Vietnam, command of the 11th Ar-

mored Cavalry Regiment in Germany, a number of assignments on the Army Staff, and finally, service as Executive Assistant to the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, Colin Powell.

Finally, and perhaps more important than all of these things, Secretary White believes strongly in his family, describing them as "my supporting foundation." His devotion to his wife Susan and three children—Katie, Tommy, and Chuck—is worthy of imitation in our country today.

On behalf of the entire congressional delegation from the great State of Texas, and for those who wish to restore a strong and vigorous national defense led by the United States Army, I wish the very best for this extremely capable and dedicated public servant. I am confident that Secretary White will serve this nation with honor, integrity, and success.

HONORING CHAMPIONSHIP SEASON OF THE BEECH LADY BUCCANEERS

HON. BART GORDON

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 6, 2001

Mr. GORDON. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to recognize the championship season of the Beech High School Lady Buccaneers. The Lady Buccaneers had a tremendous season by winning the 2001 Class AAA girls softball state championship.

Residents of Hendersonville, Tennessee, can be proud of their Lady Buccaneers. The team went 45–6 this season and displayed remarkable perseverance and resilience. This season's state championship marks the second time since 1997 the team has won the tournament. And the Lady Bucs have reached the championship game four times during that span.

The Lady Bucs won the finale in dramatic fashion by scoring two runs against their opponents in the top of the 10th inning. The final score was 2–1, with Beech outdistancing another fine Middle Tennessee team, the Columbia Lady Lions.

I commend the Lady Buccaneers and their head coach, Kristi Brinkley, for a fine season and an outstanding win. The following are members of the 2001 state champion Lady Buccaneers; Brittany Barry, Marley Birdwell, Courtney Boynton, Amy Chatham, Casey Duke, Nicole Eckley, Jennifer Grybash, Camille Harris, Cristin James, Courtney Langston, Carissa Lowery, Ashley Sinyard, Brittney Sinyard, Allie Smith, Kristin Stanfill and Amber Warren. Wayne Smith and Mary Day Reynolds also serve as the team's assistant coaches.

HONORING ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH ON ITS 150TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. NANCY PELOSI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 6, 2001

Ms. PELOSI. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to St. Patrick's Church in San Francisco as it celebrates its 150th anniversary. Located in the same neighborhood where it was founded, St. Patrick's has been steadfast in meeting